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**Security Council Committee established pursuant to
resolution 1718 (2006)****Note verbale dated 20 February 2018 from the Permanent Mission
of Paraguay to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of
the Committee**

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Paraguay to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006) and, in accordance with paragraph 18 of resolution 2371 (2017) and paragraph 19 of resolution 2375 (2017), has the honour to submit herewith the report of Paraguay on the concrete measures taken to ensure the effective implementation of the provisions of those resolutions (see annex).

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Annex to the note verbale dated 20 February 2018 from the Permanent Mission of Paraguay to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee

Report of Paraguay on the implementation of resolution 2371 (2017) and resolution 2375 (2017)

The Republic of Paraguay does not have diplomatic relations with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

In 2017, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Paraguay issued two press releases in which it strongly condemned the testing of intercontinental ballistic missiles and nuclear tests conducted by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The Republic of Paraguay reiterates its commitment to full implementation of the Security Council resolutions concerning the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Measures adopted for the effective implementation of resolution 2371 (2017) and resolution 2375 (2017)

Financial measures

Paraguay has adopted Act No. 4503/2011 regulating the freezing of funds or financial assets of natural and legal persons suspected of being linked to the financing of terrorism, terrorist acts or a terrorist group. Article 2 of the Act explicitly refers to the circumstances in which transactions shall be considered suspicious, as follows:

(a) When the names of natural or legal persons in a specific request related to the prosecution of terrorism are on the list published on instructions of the United Nations Security Council; and

(b) When third countries request, in the context of international cooperation for the prosecution of crimes, the freezing of funds or assets of natural or legal persons related to terrorism.

Act No. 861/96 stipulates that no entity may initiate transactions without the prior and express authorization of the Central Bank of Paraguay. The Central Bank of Paraguay will deny requests when the established requirements are not met and, in particular, when, given the need to ensure a healthy and prudent management of the entity, it is not fully satisfied with the suitability of the project, its shareholders or its directors and managers.

These Acts are fully applicable in the case of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Measures concerning the movement of individuals

Nationals of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea must have a visa to enter Paraguay. The issuance of this visa is authorized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Paraguay and provision is made for the denial of visas to persons whose presence in Paraguay would be contrary to the foreign policy interests of Paraguay.

Measures concerning the movement of goods

The Republic of Paraguay does not engage in direct trade with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The Directorate of Military Supplies has not issued any authorization for the import and export of firearms, ammunition or explosives to and from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

In order to prevent any violation with respect to the trade bans on coal, ore, fuels, seafood, lead, all condensates and natural gas liquids, refined petroleum products, crude oil and textiles, the competent customs authority is kept informed of the updates to the sanctions regime relating to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Restrictions on maritime and air transport

The Republic of Paraguay is landlocked. Therefore, shipping to and from Paraguay is via the Paraguay-Paraná waterway through ports in Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay.

There is no direct air link between Paraguay and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and there are no plans to operate commercial flights between the two countries.